# NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

**COVID-19 UPDATE** 

**Presentation to the:** 

**Nevada COVID Task Force** 

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### Nevada Department of Corrections Outline

- Impacts of COVID-19
- Background
- Data
- Definitions
- Protocols
  - Wave 1 (March-August)
  - Wave 2 (September to date)
- Quarantine
- Isolation
- Testing
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
- Institutional Operations



### Nevada Department of Corrections Data, As of December 15, 2020

#### Staff

### Offender

- COVID-19 Positive = 205
- Quarantine = 179
- Isolation = 239
- Admitted to hospital = 7
- Death COVID-19 confirmed positive = 2
- Death pending COVID-19 test = 0

- **COVID-19 Positive = 1,624**
- Quarantine = 2,971
- Isolation = 1,624
- Admitted to hospital = 22
- Death COVID-19 confirmed positive = 8
- Death pending COVID-19 test= 0

# Nevada Department of Corrections Background

### Implement firewall protocols

- Suspending visitation and all non-NDOC employee access;
- Health screening of all employees to include temperature checks and symptoms screening;
  - Adopted a "when in doubt, keep them out" slogan
  - Initiated mask usage within institution

### Sanitation protocols

10% bleach solution used to wipe down all areas

### Testing

- Vulnerable population (chemotherapy, dialysis, pregnant)
- By institution
- Staff

# Nevada Department of Corrections Background continued

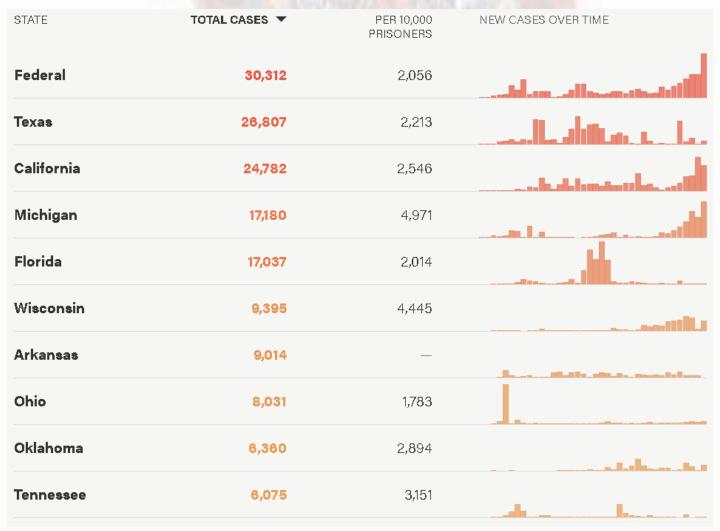
### Personal Protective Equipment

- Hand sanitizer manufactured by Prison Industries and distributed to all staff and offenders
  - Recollected from offenders due to consumption.
- Face masks issued to all staff and inmates (manufactured by Prison Industries)

#### Communication

Town Halls every Tuesday and Friday agency wide

### Nevada Department of Corrections National Rankings (Marshall Project)



# **Nevada Department of Corrections Nevada Rankings (Marshall Project)**

Nevada 1,131 981

- Nevada ranked 39th in total COVID cases
- Nevada ranked 40<sup>th</sup> per 10,000 offenders
- Top 13<sup>th</sup> Best in U.S. systems

### Nevada Department of Corrections Definitions

- Quarantine
  - Symptomatic or exposed
- Isolation
  - Confirmed positive

### Nevada Department of Corrections Wave 1

- Access to screening tools (thermometers)
- Access to PPE
- Employee positives
- Incoming offender testing
- Out-of-state offender testing

### Nevada Department of Corrections Wave 2

- Community restrictions lifted
- COVID fatigue
- Offender positives

# Nevada Department of Corrections Quarantine

Cohorts vs Classification

### Nevada Department of Corrections Isolation

Protocols

# Nevada Department of Corrections Testing

- Intervals
- Types of tests
- Notifications
  - Staff
  - Offenders

# **Nevada Department of Corrections Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)**

- Types
- Issue
- Quantities
- Distribution
- Exchange
- Cost

# Nevada Department of Corrections Institution Operations

- Meals
- Showers
- Phone calls
- Out of Cell Time
- Programming
- Staffing

# Nevada Department of Corrections Conclusion

Thank you for this opportunity!

**Questions?**